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RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1904.

## DODGE, NOW FREE, WILL REVEAL ALL

Confession Will Implicate  
Seven Prominent New  
York Men.

## CASE LIKELY TO BE VERY SENSATIONAL

As Result of All-Night Con-  
ference, Jerome Appeared in  
Court and Asked That the  
Prisoner be Released  
on His Own Re-  
cognition.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Through the  
persistent efforts of District Attorney Jerome,  
to face a charge of perjury in  
connection with the Morse-Dodge divorce  
tangle, Chas. F. Dodge, former husband  
of the present wife of Chas. W. Morse,  
resolved his liberty to-day upon the recom-  
mendation of the district attorney, who  
personally appeared before Judge Cowling,  
in the court of general sessions, and asked  
that Dodge be discharged on his own  
recognition.

### Implicated Prominent Men.

This turn in the case follows an all-  
night conference at police headquarters,  
where Dodge was taken immediately upon  
his arrival here, and during which  
it is said he made a confession that  
will lead to the making of serious  
charges in connection with the Morse-  
Dodge case against seven men of promi-  
nence in this city. It is stated that  
Dodge will go before the grand jury  
this morning, at Mr. Jerome's request, and  
continue in session through Christmas week,  
and that he will be the chief witness of  
the State in the prosecution of the men  
said to be implicated by his confession.

Ex-Assistant District Attorney James  
W. Osborne, the new counsel for Dodge,  
who was present throughout last night's  
conference, had previously advised Dodge  
to tell all he knew. Mr. Osborne says he  
feels that Dodge will never see the in-  
side of a prison.

When Dodge was taken before Judge  
Cowling, District Attorney Jerome, after  
relating the incidents connected with the  
prisoner's arrest and extradition from  
Texas, asked that the transfer of the  
prisoner from the Federal to the State  
jail be made. When this was done, he  
said:

"For reasons of public nature, which  
cannot now be stated in public, because  
they would be detrimental to the cause  
of justice, the defendant should be dis-  
charged upon his own recognition upon the  
indictment found on June 26th, 1904,  
and I ask that he be discharged."

Dodge was discharged, and went to a  
hotel, accompanied by a detective of Mr.  
Jerome's staff.

After these developments, Mr. Osborne  
said:

"Mr. Dodge will remain at his hotel  
in my care until he is wanted as a wit-  
ness for the country."  
At the request of Mr. Jerome, Dodge  
and his counsel will appear at the crim-  
inal building on Monday, it is stated, care-  
fully to review the testimony to be pre-  
sented to the grand jury. The grand  
jury will meet Wednesday, and Dodge  
will appear there on the opening day  
or the day following.

**Sensational Case.**  
The arrival of Dodge in New York  
yesterday followed one of the longest and  
most bitterly fought legal battles on re-  
cord, and was the real beginning of what,  
it is believed, will develop in one of the  
most sensational cases the metropolis  
has seen. When the steamer arrived sev-  
eral attorneys were on hand to represent  
the prisoner, but he was hurried to police  
headquarters, where for many hours  
he was subjected to what the police call  
the third degree process. Representatives  
of the Federal country, and city police  
took part in this long conference, two at-  
torneys claiming to represent the pris-  
oner being denied admission even in the  
face of most urgent protests.

It was the attempt of lawyers claim-  
ing to represent Dodge that brought about  
the most sensational incident of the long  
night. Bartow S. Weeks and A. H. Hum-  
mel, two of New York's most promi-  
nent criminal lawyers, appeared at police  
headquarters soon after Dodge ar-  
rived there in custody of the officers,  
and demanded to see the prisoner, on the  
ground that they had been retained to de-  
fend him. They met with no success. Mr.  
Weeks said the proceeding was "worthy  
of Russia." The attorneys declared that  
they believed counsel was being with-  
held from Dodge against his will in hope  
of a statement might be drawn from  
him before he was arraigned in court.  
At the conclusion of the conference at  
police headquarters, District Attorney Je-  
rome said that Mr. Weeks and Mr. Hum-  
mel had been denied admission, because  
Dodge had retained Ex-Assistant District  
Attorney James W. Osborne as his attor-  
ney. He said that Mr. Osborne had been  
at police headquarters since the arrival  
of Dodge, and had heard everything that  
had taken place.

## INVESTIGATE TRUST OPERATION: IN WEST

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Dec. 24.—The  
Daily News to-day says: Government in-  
vestigations regarding the operations of  
the so-called tobacco trust are being  
made in Milwaukee and other points in  
Wisconsin. Predictions are made by  
some of the independent operators that  
the government investigators will find  
Wisconsin a fertile field. The chief  
points that will be covered are Milwaukee,  
the Edgerton-Milwaukee, and the field  
for manufacture, wholesaling and retail-  
ing; Edgerton as the seat of the tobacco-  
growing industry.

## DEMURRER OF OFFICERS OVERRULED BY JUDGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The demurrer  
of F. A. Barnaby, president; J. P. Altin, an  
secretary, and F. G. Dexter, director of  
the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company,  
to an indictment charging them with a  
share of the responsibility in the burning  
of the excursion steamer General Slocum,  
was overruled to-day by Judge Thomas  
of the United States Circuit Court. The  
officers demurred to the indictments on  
the ground that they were not the owners  
of the craft.

## JAPS STORM AND SEIZE HEIGHTS

Forces Besieging Port  
Arthur Capture Im-  
portant Position.

## TOGO REPORTS FLEET HAS LEFT

Story of Desperate Assault on  
Kewan Fort Told in Belated  
Dispatch—Shots Reach  
Savastopol—Sharp  
Fighting in  
North.

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKIO, Dec. 24.—The Japanese forces  
besieging Port Arthur yesterday stormed  
and now hold the heights east of  
Houyangshukou.

A dispatch from the Japanese army  
before Port Arthur dated midnight says:  
"On December 23, the Russian defense  
works on the heights east of Houyang-  
shukou, Sungshu Mountain, Rihlung  
Mountain, and the 'H' forts were bom-  
barded by the Japanese with heavy guns  
which inflicted considerable damage. As  
a result of the bombardment, a detach-  
ment of the Japanese light wing at  
dawn, December 23, attacked the enemy  
on the heights east of Houyangshukou  
and captured the ridge and heights at  
7:40 in the morning. Afterwards the  
enemy concentrated his fire from several  
forts at Tai Yang Kou and Yahusui  
upon our newly occupied position fol-  
lowing this with a determined counter  
attack during which hand grenades were  
thrown, but our force finally repulsed the  
enemy. Later, as the enemy's bombard-  
ment abated, we constructed some de-  
fensive works so that our occupation be-  
came more assured. As a result of our  
heavy guns' bombardment during and be-  
fore the attack, the fort west of Tai  
Yang Kou, which on five or six feet  
centimeter gun in each of the forts was  
destroyed. The covers were also con-  
siderably damaged."

"According to the statement of pris-  
oners captured at Kewan Mountain De-  
cember 18 and of Russians who surren-  
dered in the vicinity of Kewan Mountain  
December 22, during the battle of 203  
Morse Hill, General Kondratenko, com-  
mander of the Seventh East Siberian  
Rifle Division, and General Irmann,  
commander of the Fourth Artillery  
Brigade, were killed and General Fock,  
commanding the Fourth East Siberian  
Division, was wounded."

### Fleet Withdraws.

Admiral Togo announces the withdraw-  
al of the majority of the fleets from  
Port Arthur.

Admiral Togo, telegraphing under date  
of December 23, says:  
"After 203 Morse Hill was occupied, as  
the result of a gallant and desperate at-  
tack by the besieging army, the bombard-  
ment of the enemy's squadron by siege and  
other heavy guns became effective. In con-  
sequence, the battleships Poltava and Re-  
zovskiy were sunk, and subsequently, the  
battleships Pobeda and Peresviet, the  
protected cruiser Pallada and the arm-  
ored cruiser Bayan were sunk. The  
armored cruiser Sevastopol escaped the land  
bombardment, left the harbor Decem-  
ber 23, and anchored near Chentao Moun-  
tain. She was attacked there continu-  
ously by our torpedo boats and heavily  
damaged. The main strength of the ene-  
my is completely crushed. Only a weak  
squadron of the Otavshin, and several tor-  
pedo boats destroyers remain afloat. Un-  
der the circumstances, our combined fleet  
has been removed as unnecessary from  
the blockade of Port Arthur, which had  
been maintained since May 21. The  
battleships, cruisers, and torpedo boats  
will remain in the vicinity of the harbor  
to watch the remnant of the enemy's squad-  
ron."

"During the blockade, we suffered from  
the enemy's mines, both land and under-  
sea, on the high ground, and from down-  
ing of the cruisers Miyako, Solyen and  
Yoshino, battleships, Kaimon  
and Kikaido, and many small and loyal  
officers and men were killed, but we suc-  
ceeded in maintaining the blockade. When

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## SHIPWRECKED CREW PURSUED BY SHARKS

Almost Destitute of Provisions,  
Suffering Men Travel Two  
Hundred Miles by Oar.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—A voyage  
of 200 miles by oar, almost destitute of  
provisions and water, and pursued by a  
hundred of giant sharks that threatened  
momentarily day and night to capsize  
the craft and devour its occupants, was  
the experience of Captain Sam Harris  
and four South Sea Islanders, who com-  
posed the crew of the little trading  
sloop Apaki, wrecked on Apaki  
Island November 30th.

"Apaki is 200 miles from Papeete, the  
port of Tahiti.  
This is a tale of the sea brought here  
by the liner Mariposa, just arrived, which  
left Papeete on the day Captain Harris  
and his men landed there, emaciated and  
nearly crazed, but still alive.

When the Victor ended her career by  
striking the reef, the shipwrecked crew  
barely had time to pile off in the boat for  
their long voyage made without a com-  
pass and no sail, with only one day's  
provisions on board and half a dozen coco-  
nuts.

The milk from the latter was all they  
had to drink during the eleven days it  
took to reach Papeete.  
The passengers were evicted by a constant  
combat with the sharks.  
In verification of their story, oars were  
shown splintered and worn. They had  
been used in speeling the attacks of the  
ferocious fish, which gnawed at the sides  
of the boat, making a trade among the  
friendly and Society Islands.



SANTA CLAUS HAS COME!

## SEARCH FOR BODY OF MISSING MAN

Prolonged Absence of James E.  
Harrell Leads to Suspicion  
of Foul Play.

## HERTFORD NEGRO SUSPECTED

Young Man Went Collecting in  
Disreputable Part of Town  
and Never Returned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SUFFOLK, VA., Dec. 24.—What is seem-  
ingly another mysterious murder that  
may rival in interest the Nell Crop-  
sey case has occurred at Hertsford, N.  
C., where Jim Wilcox, Nell's slayer had  
his second trial.

Though James E. Harrell has been  
missing since Wednesday night, and some  
of his papers and clothing have been  
found, and, despite the organized efforts  
of officers and citizens, the mystery yet  
is unsolved. Police Chief C. T. Sumner,  
of Hertsford, said at 7 o'clock this eve-  
ning that there was no trace of Har-  
rell's body, which he believed to be  
weighed down in the turbid waters of  
Perquimans River, which flows by the  
town.

Harrell, district collector for an Eden-  
ton installment house, arrived at Herts-  
ford Wednesday evening and told Land-  
lord Floyd not to look him out, for he  
would be engaged until late collecting  
in a disreputable part of the town. Fall-  
ing to return, a search next day revealed  
articles of clothing and some business  
papers. A gentleman who left Hertsford  
this morning says a negro is suspected  
of the murder, and the conditions are  
ripe for a lynching. The same person  
said blood stains had been seen along  
the roadway.

There is nothing in the financial or  
domestic relations of Harrell, who is a  
young married man, to warrant the sus-  
picion of voluntary disappearance. Bloodhounds have been wired for.

## FAT GOBBLERS FOR WHITE HOUSE STAFF

President Remembers Employees.  
Will Now Take Week's  
Rest.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24.—  
Every attaché of the White House, from  
Private Secretary Loeb down, is thor-  
oughly convinced to-day that a bird in  
the hand is worth two in the bush. Every  
one of them, whether the head of a happy  
family or the celibate denizen of a board-  
ing house, received a turkey from the  
President, as a reminder that the chief  
executive appreciated faithful service dur-  
ing the past year, and thought the gift  
season the proper time to show it.

"The President is going to take as com-  
plete a holiday for a week as the Ameri-  
can people will allow their chief magis-  
trate. He is going to eat his Christmas  
dinner with the family to-morrow, after  
attending church services. He will prob-  
ably take a horseback ride in the after-  
noon, and it is his intention to walk or  
drive every day during the week. He will  
spend just as little time in the executive  
office as possible, and while there will  
be the usual cabinet meetings during the  
week, only the barest routine business  
will be considered.

There is no position in the entire world  
which is regarded as so exalted and so  
worthy the ambition of man as that of  
President of the United States. It is  
just as true that there is not one which  
carries with it work of such onerous char-  
acter, and so much of it. The President  
will go to the department of the  
on next week as usual. The employees  
were paid off this week for the month.

## REUNION OF T. D. C. C. ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Next Wednesday will be  
T. D. C. C. day. Get your  
badges ready and be certain  
not to lose them.

The second annual reunion  
of the club will be held at the  
Bijou Wednesday afternoon  
at 3:30 o'clock, and it prom-  
ises to even surpass the big  
celebration of last Christmas.  
The pretty new playhouse  
will be crowded and the pro-  
gramme will be one of excep-  
tional interest, embracing the  
best features of this week's  
Bijou bill, some special music  
and words of greeting and  
cheer to the boys and girls by  
prominent men.

The Bijou is fortunate in  
having as its opening bill,  
"Running for Office," which  
will be presented by those  
clever entertainers, the Four  
Cohans. The special features  
by these artists will be highly  
amusing. Polk Miller and his  
quartette will keep the young  
folks in fine humor, and Gov-  
ernor Montague, Mayor Mc-  
Carthy and Major James H.  
Capers will make short talks.  
The medals won in the Chris-  
tmas contests will be present-  
ed, and some interesting an-  
nouncements will be made.

Admission will be by mem-  
bership badge. There will be  
no tickets. Every boy or girl  
showing a badge will be ad-  
mitted. So have your badges  
ready.

several days in advance of the usual time,  
in order to allow them spending money  
for Christmas, and the departments were  
closed at noon to-day. Further than these  
there were no evidences of the Christmas  
season apparent in the big government  
buildings, save that here and there subor-  
dinate presented their superiors with  
cans, pipes or punch bowls as tokens  
of kindnesses done in the past or hopes  
of consideration in the future.

## NOT IN BANKRUPTCY.

Erroneous Report About the  
Ronda Lumber Company.  
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 24.—The  
report sent out by your correspondent  
last night that the Ronda Lumber Manu-  
facturing Company had gone into volun-  
tary bankruptcy, is denied to-day. The  
report got out through a telegram re-  
ceived here by a local lawyer, who had  
claims for collection against the com-  
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on next week as usual. The employees  
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This not only interests those out of  
work, but those desiring to improve  
their positions as well.

## YULE LOG BURNS BRIGHT IN ALBION

From Sandringham to the Hum-  
blest Hut Families Gather  
Amid Good Cheer.

### EVEN THE FOG IS WELCOMED

Despite Exodus to Country  
Streets Thronged With  
People.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Christmas  
spirit was abroad throughout England to-  
day, notwithstanding the continued heavy  
fog, which normally act as an extreme  
depressant. Not for years has London  
had such a thorough dose of that pea-  
soup atmosphere for which the metropo-  
lis is famous, but the population, which  
gambled during the week because of  
the inconveniences attendant upon weath-  
er conditions, and the tradesmen because  
of the resultant loss, changed their mood  
to-day, and, accepting the inevitable, pre-  
pared to spend a merry Christmas, even  
welcoming the fog as a guest and friend  
of old days.

In all great homes in England the Yule  
log is burning. From Sandringham to  
the humblest residence, relatives who  
are scattered throughout the rest of the  
year, are gathering to spend the English  
Christmas. It is estimated that a million  
and a half persons poured out of London  
to-day. To those who witnessed the tre-  
mendous rushes at the railway stations  
the wonder was that any persons could  
be left to people London. But the exodus  
leaves no appreciable mark in the streets,  
which are thronged with millions of  
Christmas shoppers and sightseers.

Most of the Cabinet officers and diplo-  
mats have left London. King Edward  
and Queen Alexandra, with the immedi-  
ate royal family, are gathered at Sand-  
ringham Palace, where Christmas was  
celebrated in the usual manner.

## CHILD HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM FLAMES

Midnight Fire Destroys Norfolk  
Residence—Rain Stops  
Christmas Rush.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 24.—Fire at mid-  
night destroyed the residence of George  
H. Greene, Twenty-fourth Street, and  
almost resulted in the cremation of his  
infant child, which was asleep, and was  
left on its own in the second floor, when  
the fire was first discovered. The child  
was rescued with difficulty.

Rain to-night marred the usual Chris-  
tmas eve revelry in the downtown streets  
and put a stop to outdoor festivities all  
over the city.

Richmond Pearson Hobson visited Nor-  
folk to-day, and paid a call on his  
former brother naval officers at the yards.

## CAUGHT IN WATER WHEEL AND SEVERELY INJURED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 24.—Ella  
Chapman, a prominent farmer and mil-  
ler, lies dangerously ill at his home near  
Cedar Grove, this county, as the result  
of having been caught in a water-wheel  
yesterday while digging for away from  
the water course. Chapman fell into the  
wheel and was hurled around before the  
floodgate could be closed. The man's  
wound was intense, and his appeals for  
help could be heard above the noise of  
the rushing waters. He was finally  
rescued, taken home and placed under the  
doctor's care.

## VALIANT CROWD IN THE PARADE

Only the Brave Could  
Stand Last Night's  
Weather.

## JUPITER PLUVIUS REIGNED SUPREME

Throng Thinned Early in the  
Night, When Plunging Be-  
came Necessary—Country  
Girl Has Pocket Picked,  
Losing Thirty Dollars.  
Shopping Not Heavy.

"Rich man, poor man, beggar man,  
thief" is an expression as old as the seven  
hills of this city upon the James, and it  
just describes the crowd that thronged  
for a time, at least Broad Street on yes-  
terday afternoon and night. There were  
to be seen there the darlings of society  
and the denizens of the less fashionable  
but honest circles. Gentry jostled  
gamins and the pious touched elbows with  
the worldly wise. High and low, rich  
and poor all surged up and down the  
Broadway of Richmond. Each one in a  
holiday mood with casts for the time  
thrown to the four winds. Upon the very  
edge of 12 o'clock the gaily began, with  
the noise of horn and bell, of pop-cracker  
and toy cannon until the sound was al-  
most deafening. The crowd was good  
natured and bent upon enjoyment, making  
things merry in spite of the dismal clouds  
that hovered overhead.

### Only the Merry There.

There were no signs of misery, for mis-  
fortune was kept well out of sight. The  
pleasure of the moment reigned brightly  
in the hearts of all the holiday throng  
and the cares of to-morrow were a thou-  
sand miles away.

It was "laugh with those who laugh,"  
and the quotation stopped abruptly when,  
toward midnight, rain began to fall, at  
first lightly, but increasing with the dark-  
ness, until the streets and crossings were  
thick with puddles, and mud was every-  
where.

Old Father Pluvius stretched out a  
damp wet hand, and stopped the fun of  
Christmas Eve.  
Just at the time about 5:30 o'clock—  
when merriment is usually at its best  
on this great carnival night, the street  
grew deserted, and the crowd faded away  
until it was no bigger than a wee Satur-  
day night. A few brave hearts still kept  
things moving, like the old guard, mak-  
ing a last stand, but the pop-crackers  
sounded few and far between, like rifle  
shots on a picket line after the mighty  
roar of field artillery. The sounds of  
horn and bell, and the sound of revelry gave way  
to the nervous patter of the falling rain.

### Frolic Not Marred.

No disorder marked the frolic of the  
carnival, and there was seen but one man  
under the influence of liquor. He was  
more ludicrously drunk, and called the  
whole world brother—desiring to embrace  
all who came in his path, without heed  
to sex, color, or age.

Just as the revelry was at its height,  
the vivid, generous cheeks, with small,  
flat derby cocked rakishly over a pair  
of beady eyes, loudly entreated passers-  
by to buy "the great American gun can-  
dles." The myriads of candles, made in  
Richmond, were sold for a trifle, and  
for a time perhaps to purchase something  
not "made in Germany," and so the fakir  
gentleman did a thriving business.

In another window, between Seventh  
and Eighth Streets, a smiling white wool-  
dog played with a large blue and white  
cat. The endless pleasure of all who  
passed. There were old white headed  
men and women who laughed as loudly  
as the lads and lassies by their side at  
the small dog's antics.

### Of Mathematical Mind.

At the corner of Seventh and Broad  
Streets a crowd of mathematical mind gazed  
curiously at a table displayed in a win-  
dow under brilliant lights. A sign an-  
nounced that the wonderful piece of fur-  
niture was made of 25,000 pieces of wood.

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## FIFTY THOUSAND POOR WILL GET FULL MEAL

New York Prepares Great Cele-  
bration for the  
Hungry.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—New York be-  
gan its Christmas celebration to-night,  
and various hospitals in the city had trees  
for the children in their wards. Nurses  
and attendants joined in the singing of  
Yuletide carols and in providing enter-  
tainment for the little patients.  
For to-morrow and Monday the city  
will prepare a grand celebration for the  
little ones and for the hungry in the poor-  
er sections. The Salvation Army will feed  
fifty thousand people, and other chari-  
table organizations will provide for double  
the number.

It is estimated to-night that over 300,000  
Christmas trees have been sold in the  
city during the last ten days.

To-morrow the prisoners in the Tombs  
will be bountifully fed on turkey and  
chicken and things that help to cheer the  
Christmas dinner. Pipes and tobacco  
have been provided for the men, and  
some of the missionaries have provided  
to "take Russia in the way of gifts for all  
the prisoners.

## RUSSIANS TO ABOLISH PASSPORT SYSTEM

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—The As-  
sociated Press can announce that Russia  
is on the eve of abolishing the passport.  
The latter has already been decided in  
principle by the commission which is in-  
vestigating the passport question. A new  
law will be promulgated by the Senate  
within six weeks as one of the solid re-  
forms, resulting in the administration of  
Interior Minister Vyatopolsky-Mirsky.

## IS UNIVERSAL HOLIDAY HERE

Advent of Christ Child to  
Be Commemorated in  
Churches To-Day.

## GREAT CROWDS IN SHOPPING DISTRICT

Christmas Eve Characterized by  
Considerable Din, and More  
Than Usual Preparations  
for the Day of Days.  
General Suspension  
of All Work.

The climax of the Christmas gift buy-  
ing season was reached yesterday, and  
despite unfavorable weather, thousands  
joined in the grand promenade that made  
Broad Street a wonderful sight. A steady  
dripping rain did not deter the throng  
bent upon buying some expression of love  
or esteem from making the round of the  
various stores and inspecting their stocks.  
It was the last day of the Christmas  
shopping season, and many a man in the  
hats at the railway stations, in the market  
places, everywhere.

Hundreds and even thousands have  
taken advantage of the holiday rates to  
spend Christmas with friends or kin-  
smen elsewhere, but this exodus is more  
than made up by the incoming throngs  
of former Richmonders, of visitors spend-  
ing the festival with friends in the city,  
and of out-of-town people who are here  
shopping. To stand and view the pass-  
ing throngs on the streets in the retail  
district one might easily imagine that  
the entire population of the city, certainly  
the adult population, were on the  
streets.

Evidences of the nearness of the great  
Christian festival were everywhere visi-  
ble. The Christmas spirit was abroad in  
the land. The small boy and the small  
girl, liberated from school restraints, were  
making the best of the opportunity to  
enjoy everything that the season repre-  
sents to the juvenile mind. Even their  
elders relaxed for the time being and  
all took advantage of the suspension of  
the ordinance against pop-crackers and  
fireworks, generally.

The city the noise of exploding firecrack-  
ers and the sharp crack of cartridges in  
explosive canes resounded and reverber-  
ated. Now and then some prodigal lad  
would set off a pack of pop-crackers and  
create a "miniature" explosion. The  
children, however, were almost un-  
der the influence of the excitement of the  
explosive canes were most sought, and  
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### Crowds Increase.

As the day advanced the crowds on  
the streets increased and the din was  
accentuated as hundreds joined in the  
bedlam of noise. The great shops and  
factories were closed, and the thousands  
of people who were on the streets were  
all on the streets in the afternoon, and  
the numbers steadily increased as the  
day passed. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon,  
petting rain a report for the Times  
pleasure in the city. The number of  
people shopping crowds, basing it on the  
number passing a given point on one  
side of Broad Street in a minute. This  
count indicated that about seven thou-  
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